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## Banks.

### NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 12.5. Sum less than \$1, or more than \$200 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.  
2.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.  
3.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.  
4.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must make entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
5.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.  
6.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING,  
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum  
" 6 " 4 per cent " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

#### SANITARY BOARD.

COPIES IN ENGLISH and CHINESE of the BY-LAWS now in force under the PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCE, 1887, regarding:

1.—DRAINS IN NEW PREMISES;

2.—NEW DRAINS IN EXISTING PREMISES;

3.—DESCRIPTIVE AND INHABITANT HOUSE DRAINS;

may be obtained gratis on application at this Office.

WM. EDWARD CROW,  
Acting Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD ROOM,

Government Offices,

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1889. 37

### NOTICE.

A SECRETARY—WANTED for the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

APPLICATIONS to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN, on or early date.

Hongkong, December 20, 1888. 2150

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE Third Annual MEETING of MEMBERS will take place at the Hongkong Hotel, NEXT THURSDAY, 17th January, 1889, at 8 p.m.

All MEMBERS are particularly requested to ATTEND.

To receive Report of the Working Committee and the Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the past year.

To elect Committee for ensuing year, and for general business of the Meeting.

A SHELTON HOOPER,  
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

Hongkong, January 10, 1889. 50

### DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

### MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
Surgeon Dentist;

(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND LAT-  
TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

AT the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-  
cupied by Dr. ROGERS,

No. 2 DUDDELL STREET.

### CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Soil Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET,  
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1888. 66

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### NOTICE.

HONGKONG WHARF AND WHARFO DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are

respectively informed, that upon

their arrival in this Harbour, NOVE-

MBER 1, 1889, all REPAIRS will be

had ready for them.

Orders for REPAIRS if sent to

the Hongkong Office, No. 14, Praya Road,

will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found

necessary, Communication with the Under-

signed is requested, when immediate steps

will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-

satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 148

### NOTICE.

BORNEO TIMBER.

THE BRITISH BORNEO TRADING

AND PLANTING Co., Ltd., are

prepared to SUPPLY New and Valuable

TIMBERS for SHIP and HOME CON-

FECTURE, WHETHER in Bulk or

Particulars can be seen at the

Office, where also Price List and Description

can be obtained, and larger samples at our

Godowns at East Point.

The above Company have arranged for

regular Shipments to be made by the

Provincial, Perak, and other large Steamers,

direct to this port.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, October 23, 1888. 1779

### NOTICE.

RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN

A FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

This Article, which has been reprinted

in the China Review, contains one of the

best Sketches of Formosa yet written.

A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are

included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1—at Messrs. LANE,

CRAWFORD & CO.'s, and Messrs. KELLY &

WALSH, Limited, Hongkong; also, Mr. N.

MOAILLÉ, Amoy.

Hongkong, August 1, 1888. 1311

### NOTICE.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR

CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the Colony would

materially aid the SENATE of the

COLLEGE by forwarding to the Asian

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes);

(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the

Student's Reading Room and Library;

Address to JAMES CAMPBIE,

Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, August 1, 1888. 1311

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1889.

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

#### Piano & Music Department.

The following MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND FITTINGS, have just been added to our Stock:

VIOLINS (Copies of the Old Masters). VIOLIN BOWS, STRINGS (Acierables, Twisted Silk, Genuine Roman Gut, Real Silver, 4th), BRIDGES, PEGS, TAIL PIECES, MUTES, CASES, RESIN, CHIN RESTS and CHIN PANS, &c.

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BANJOS—BANJO STRINGS (American and English) PEGS, &c.

# THE CHINA MAIL.

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## Entertainment.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL.  
**THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY**  
(By Special Request) give  
ONE MORE PERFORMANCE  
of  
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA  
**'IOLANTHE,'**  
**To-night,**  
the 12th January, 1880.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock p.m.

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Tickets for Back Seats of the Stalls may be had at the Door.—Price, 5/-.

R. LYALL,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 12, 1880. 2207

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

**JULES MUMM & Co., CHAMPAIGNE.**  
Quarts ..... \$20 per Case of 12  
Pints ..... \$21 ..... 2  
Dub Frères & de Geron & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES

Baxtor's Celebrated 'Barley Wine' WHISKY, \$7 per Case of 1 doz. GIBR, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

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**'CHINA REVIEW'**  
from  
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1.—List of CONTRIBUTORS.  
2.—ARTICLES.  
3.—REVIEWS OF BOOKS.  
4.—List of AUTHORS REVIEWED.

PRICE, 50 CENTS.

To be had at the China Mail Office, Messrs. KELLY & WALK, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong; and Messrs. KELLY & WALK, Shanghai.

## To-day's Advertisements.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
The Co.'s Steamship *Telamon*.

Captain JONES, will be despatched on Monday, the 14th instant, for London.

Passengers for Europe desirous to proceed overland are requested to the Under-signed, have their Tickets endorsed for surrender at Algiers in exchange for Coupons. Tickets to MARSÈLLES (by Transatlantic Company's express boats), and thence to PARIS or LONDON. Algiers is 28 hours steam from Marseilles, and thence to London occupies about the same time.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 32

### FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship *Hebeira*, Captain L. MADSEN, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 14th January, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SEMIJSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 61

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.  
The Co.'s Steamship *Nanwa*, Captain FOOCOCK, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 15th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 64

### THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
The Co.'s Steamship *Zafiro*, Capt. McCABE, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 15th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

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### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.  
The Co.'s Steamship *Ax*, Commandant BONNEFOY, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th instant.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 67

## To-day's Advertisements.



N O T I C E .

NOTICE is hereby given, that if the LANDLORDS or other INHABITANTS of Hongkong SUFFER the SOLDIERS of the 1st Battalion, A. & S. Highlanders to contract Debts, such DEBTS will NOT be DISCHARGED, nor will the OFFICERS of the Battalion be LIABLE for any such Debts.

SYDNEY L. ROBINSON, Capt., Adjutant 1/4, & S. Highlanders.

Hongkong, January 12, 1889. — 65

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

### POST OFFICE NOTICES.

#### MAILS will close:

For MANILA.—

Per *Zafiro*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

For NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.

Per *Ancon*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 18th inst.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Surat* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, C H E M I S T R Y .

Dakin's

Aromatic Stomachic Bitters,  
Prepared from a famous old Recipe.

THIS Agreeable Tonic is a Specific in Indigestion Dyspepsia, Torpidity of the Liver, Low Spirits; General Debility, Muscular Weakness, Sleeplessness, Fever and Malaria Poison.

It is Stimulating, Appetizing and Strengthening and the best 'PICK-ME-UP' ever invented.

DAKIN'S COCA PEPTONE ELIXIR.

COCA, that heavenly plant, which satisfies the hungry, strengthens the weak and makes men forget their misfortunes, has been used from time immemorial by the Indians of its native country for its remarkable invigorating effects.

In our COCA PEPTONE ELIXIR, the dried root of the Coca-leaf is combined with 'Mast Perpetue' forming a powerful restorative Tonic, highly beneficial in convalescence or in Phthisis or wasting disease. It can be assimilated by persons of weak digestion or by children.

Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 63

### SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 11, 1889.—  
China, German steamer, 648, Moller, Singapore, January 1, General.—MELCHERS & Co.

January 12.—  
Tsinan, British steamer, 1,459, W. N. Albin, Sydney via Ports December 15, Coal and General.—RUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Formosa, British steamer, 674, T. Hall, Swatow, January 11, General.—DODGERS & CO.

Pekin, German steamer, from Whampoa.

Chang Chou, British steamer, 1,193, Dunlop, Singapore January 3, General.—HOU HSIAO CHAN.

Johau, German steamer, 358, Bing, Pakhoi January 9, and Hoitow 11, General.—NAN SING LOONG.

Kwang Lee, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

January 12.—  
Clara, for Haiphong.

Amoy, for Hoitow and Pakhoi.

Haihung, for Kobe.

Fusid, for Singapore and Bombay.

Johnn, for Macao.

CLEARED.

Doris, for Tournon.

Rufus, for Tamau.

Thales, for Swatow and Amoy.

Socorro, for Hoitow and Pakhoi.

Phra Chom Klao, for Swatow and Bangkok.

China, for Swatow.

PASSAGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per China, from Singapore, Mr Bocpo, and Miss Lopez, and 17 Chinese.

Per Teinan, from Sydney, Mr and Mrs J. B. Armstrong, Mr J. Armstrong, Jr., Messrs J. Coote, D. O. Rourke, Mr McLeod, Mr Urquhart, and 289 Chinese.

Per Socorro, from Pakhoi, 65 Chinese.

Per Tsinan, from Swatow, Mr Kerr, and 49 Chinese.

Per Johnn, from Hoitow, 36 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Clara, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.

Per Amoy, for Amoy, 300 Chinese.

Per Alcine, for Hoitow, 120 Chinese.

Per Pescador, for Singapore, 420 Chinese.

TI. DEPART.

Per Doris, for Tournon, 30 Chinese.

Per Thales, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per Socorro, for Hoitow, 30 Chinese.

### SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Tsinan* reports:

Had fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Formosa* reports:

Had light variable winds and smooth sea; cloudy weather with rain.

### POST OFFICE NOTICES.

#### MAILS will close:

For CANTON.—

Per Ponca, at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 13th inst.

For STRAITS & BOMBAY.—

Per *Bornida*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

For LONDON & BOMBAY.—

Per *Teinan*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—

Per *Hesperi*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per *Peking*, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per *Tria*, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 14th inst.

For STRAITS & CALCUTTA.—

Per *Wingang*, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 15th inst.

### MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

#### Shipping.

Daylight.—*Thales* leaves for Swatow, &c.

8 a.m.—*Phra Chom Klao* leaves for Swatow and Bangkok.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—

St. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Parade Service at 8.30 a.m.; Communion at 11. Holy Communion at the 11 o'clock service on the 1st, 3rd, and 6th (if any) Sundays in the month.

Pray Church.—Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday in each month at 8 a.m.

Union Church.—Minister Rev. G. H. Unford.—Service at 11 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.—Chinese Service at 2 p.m.—Rev. J. Chatman, M.A., LL.D.

GERMAN BAPTIST CHAPEL.—Service in the German language, by Rev. F. Hartmann, every Sunday, at half-past 10 a.m., in the Chapel of the Berlin Founding House, West Point.

St. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.—Garden Road—9 a.m. Mass and 12.30 p.m. Evening Service.

St. JOHN'S CHURCH.—Garden Road—9 a.m. Mass and 12.30 p.m. Evening Service.

St. MARY'S CHURCH.—Garden Road—9 a.m. Mass and 12.30 p.m. Evening Service.

St. PETER'S CHURCH.—Garden Road—9 a.m. Mass and 12.30 p.m. Evening Service.

St. THOMAS' CHURCH.—Garden Road—9 a.m. Mass and 12.30 p.m. Evening Service.

St. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH.—Garden Road—9 a.m. Mass and 12.30 p.m. Evening Service.

# THE CHINA MAIL

No. 8120.—JANUARY 12, 1880.

That Home papers notice the establishment of regular steam communication between Tientsin and Hongkong, which we soon to know but little here; but why people should send their goods to S. I. ought to be handled and re-shipped and squeezed by the Customs, which they could be shipped here for Tientsin direct with no Customs interference, has always puzzled me.

That Hongkong is the natural port of transhipment for Tientsin for all Home goods, and it must become so, leaving the Empire City to ship up-river notions.

BROWNIE.

## CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. NAVY.

This match was commenced at the Cricket Ground yesterday and terminated to-day in hard-won victory for the Club. The Club batted first and were rather unfortunate, almost the only scoring being A. G. Campbell (91st Highlanders) and T. S. Smith, the former having a total of 36 to his credit, and the latter 31. The innings closed for 111. The Naval men opened very hopefully, and although the play was by no means equal they ran the total up to 185. To-day the Club did better, their total of 164 including the following scores:—Major Johnston 38, Dr Atkinson 30, and S. L. Darby 29. The Navy men broke down in their second innings, their total only amounting to 73, of which P. Egerton contributed 36. The following are the scores:—

CRICKET—2nd INNINGS.		
Major Johnston, c B. Crofton	.....	31
T. S. Smith, c B. Crofton	.....	30
A. G. Campbell, b Crofton	.....	36
S. L. Darby, b Crofton	.....	29
L. E. Egerton, b Hunter	.....	3
H. L. Henderson, c Egerton, b	.....	22
F. Braund, b Egerton	.....	11
R. Boyd, (91st), b Crofton, b Hunter	.....	0
D. Atkinson, not out	.....	36
Extras	.....	11
Total	.....	185

CRICKET—2nd INNINGS.		
A. J. Campbell, b Crofton	.....	0
S. L. Darby, c B. Crofton	.....	20
M. R. Egerton, b Crofton	.....	33
A. de C. Scanlan, b w. Crofton	.....	8
S. L. Darby, b Crofton	.....	22
C. Flat, c b Hunter	.....	5
F. Braund, b Egerton	.....	22
R. Boyd, (91st), b Crofton, b Hunter	.....	0
D. Atkinson, not out	.....	0
Extras	.....	10
Total	.....	112

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

STUDENT INTERPRETERS.  
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL".

Hongkong, 12th Jan., 1880.

Sir,—The Governor's scheme for Student Interpreters is a move in the right direction, but requires amending.

For the Colonial Scholarship the limits of age are 17 to 20, so that no youth under 16 (the limit for Student Interpreters) can possibly have "distinguished himself" at the Scholarship Examination. Would it not be well to raise the limit to 18 and to offer one or two appointments for the second and third candidates at the Scholar ship Examination?

In ordinary cases \$40 a month is too much for a youngster 14 or 15 years old.

Most English boys in the Colony stay at school until they are older than 16 years and in that case they are in the same position as students at school than in a Government Office. A promise of further promotion beyond \$100 should be made, or else I fear the Governor cannot compete with mercantile offices for the English element, which is wanted rather than Portuguese or mixed race. It is notorious that Englishmen joining the service in the Colony all advancement is blocked for the benefit of the Cadets.

The Grant-in-aid Code should also be altered so as to encourage the study of Chinese in Schools. The present regulations so hamper the teaching of Chinese, that no European School presents boys for the Inspector's examination in the language spoken by the majority of the inhabitants of Hongkong.—Yours,

OLD BOY.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.  
The following is the annual report for presentation at the yearly meeting to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th January, 1880, at 6 p.m. ....

It affords the Working Committee pleasure, in presenting their third Annual Report, to state that the amount of Accruals for the year ending 31st December 1882, to be claimed to state that the past year has been the most successful year of its existence.

Prize Meetings.—Two Prize meetings were held during the year, viz. in March and November respectively, on a scale never before attempted, there being 40 competitions, besides Poids, Running Man, Vanquishing Targets, and Rock Riffs competitions. There were also Morris Tug-of-war competitions for Cadets, i.e. for youths of the Hongkong Public Schools. The magnitude of these meetings may be noted from the fact that the receipts and expenditure of each Meeting amounted to \$2013.56 and \$167.99 respectively.

The total number of Members for the year amounts to 292, as against 105 (including Ladies) for 1881.

Challenge Cup.—With a view to encourage our members to improve their shooting, the Committee decided to give a silver Challenge Cup, valued \$50, to be shot for monthly by members who were to be handicapped by Major Dempster, Major Ellis and Mr. W. Wood, and to be won three times before becoming any member's property.

Yet it has been shot for seven times and only won twice by one member, which shews that the handicappers performed their work in a satisfactory manner and shew also from the fact that the highest score in the first competition was 64, and

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at the last competition had increased to 74, that it has had the desired effect.

Spoon Competition.—A special feature of the year has been the institution of a weekly competition for a silver spoon, which has been the means of inducing many members to keep up their shooting practice.

The Committee are glad to be able to state that while in their last annual report they regretted that more officers did not enter for the various competitions, during the past year the attendance of civilians for practice and competition has largely increased, with the consequence that the average shooting of the civilian element in the Association has considerably improved.

With a view to record the improvement or otherwise of each individual member's shooting, a table of the average shooting of each member for the weekly and monthly competitions for the year has been worked out by the Hon. Secretary, and is herein given. It shows that 49 per cent of the members of the Association take part in these competitions.

It is a pleasing incident to note that the Ladies of Hongkong take an increased interest in the Association by the number of female members increasing from eight to thirty-three.

The great success which has attended the Association during the past year is largely owing to the interest manifested in it by His Excellency the Governor and Lady De Veaux, both of whom honoured the Association with their presence on the Range, Lady De Veaux further graciously undertaking the onerous duties of distributing the prize of the 5th Prize Meeting.

The Committee desire to thank Lieutenant General Cameron, C.B., and the Military Authorities for their frequent and courteous loans of the Royal Artillery Range at Kowloon, and to tender their especial thanks to the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment for the valuable assistance which they rendered at our Prize Meetings, a great measure of the success of these meetings being due to their untiring exertions and constant assistance.

The Committee think it advisable that the rule of the Association appointing two Committees should be amended, as eleven members of the thirteen who form the General Committee are also on the Working Committee. The old Committee resists according to the rules and a new Committee will have to be elected at the general meeting.

The Working Committee are pleased to be able to state that satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Naval Authorities for the use of the range at Kowloon at specified times.

The magnificent donations to the Prize Fund by the community of Hongkong, amounting to \$1146, have added largely to the resources of the Association; and the Committee wish that all the donors for their handsome contributions, desire particularly to express their thanks to the Chinese Compradores who have on each occasion of our Prize Meeting presented handsome silver cups for Competitions; coming as they do from the Native Section of the Colony it shows the good feelings entertained towards the Association.

To form a comparison with the shooting at England a competition was inaugurated at the last meeting on the same lines as the Queen's Prize at Wimbledon for which there were 42 entries. Col. Sergeant Phillips, of the 5th Regt., carried off the First prize, a Silver Cup valued at \$100, with the aggregate score of 260, and this total came at 274 made at Wimbledon in 1887.

A. SPENCER HOOPER,  
Hon. Secretary.

Table shewing average score of each member made in the weekly and monthly competitions, at 200, 300 and 600 yards respectively during 1888.

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## A 'GRANDE PASSION.'

ITS RISE, DECLINE, AND FALL.

### A NOVELTIE.

(Extracts from a *Lady's Diary*.)

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Went to the usual dramatic dinner-party—*legal* lights and *scandalous* foggies and dowdy women. Can't get outside the house without having Sir W.'s great speech thrown at me, and being congratulated on the wife of —, the dullest bore in London.

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